

of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of Interior.

And will be subject to:

Those rights for a buried water line granted to Sun Valley Water and Sanitary District, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-56939 pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws, the mineral disposal laws, or the Geothermal Steam Act. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a conveyance document or publication in the **Federal Register** of an order specifying the date and time of opening. For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District.

Classification Comments

Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Comments on the application should address the proposed use in the application and plan or development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the land for an elementary school site. Objections will be reviewed by the Carson City District Manager who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1997.

Clifford D. Ligons,

Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, Carson City District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Remains and Associated Funerary Objects from Kiana, AK, in the Control of the Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, AK

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects from Kiana, AK in the control of the Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management.

A detailed assessment of the human remains and associated funerary objects was made by Bureau of Land Management professional staff and University of Alaska Museum professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Native Village of Kiana.

During 1941, human remains representing one individual was recovered from a burial at the Ekseavik site in the vicinity of Kiana, AK by J. Louis Giddings under unclear circumstances. The remains were subsequently accessioned to the University Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska. No known individual was identified. The 130 associated funerary objects recovered include a sandstone lamp, 123 glass trade beads, 4 metal bracelets, a large metal ulu blade, with shaped bone handle, and a pyrite nodule, worn smooth on one face.

During 1947, human remains representing one individual were recovered from the Kavet Creek site in the vicinity of Kiana, AK by J. Louis Giddings under unclear circumstances. The remains were subsequently accessioned to the University Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska. No known individuals were identified. The 106 associated funerary objects recovered include a broken coal labret, a polished elliptical jade blade, a jade adze head, a jade ulu blade, an antler arrowhead and net sinker, a chert arrowhead, several sandstone saw and whetstone pieces, and various stone ulu, adze head, chisel, and other worked stone fragments.

The geographic locations of the two sets of remains and associated funerary objects listed above indicate that they are most probably associated with residents of the Native Village of Kiana.

The remains from 1941 are undated but the presence of glass trade beads suggests they are from the 18th or 19th century. The remains from 1947, while undated, were thought by the excavator to date perhaps back to the 17th century. This would be a time when the ancestors of people now living in Kiana were in this area. Native Elders of Kiana recognize the areas where the human remains were recovered as traditionally associated with their village. They also report that the burial practices associated with the Kavet Creek remains involve the burning of a house which is consistent with practices performed in the region, including at Kiana, into the 20th century.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Bureau of Land Management have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Bureau of Land Management have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(A), the 236 objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the Bureau of Land Management have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Native Village of Kiana.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Native Village of Kiana. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Dr. Robert E. King, Alaska State NAGPRA Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599; telephone (907) 271-5510, before September 2, 1997. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Native Village of Kiana may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

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